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1. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

AT INCONCLUSIVE FEB.14 INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE PERSONS TO BE APPOINTED TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION. AFRICANS PREFER TO STICK TO LIMIT OF 15, BUT WITHIN THAT LIMIT WOULD DEMAND AND ADDITIONAL AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO BE TAKEN FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRY QUOTA; LATIN AMERICANS AND ASIANS WANT INCREASE TO 19; SOVIET BLOC WOULD PREFER 15, BUT IF SIZE INCREASED TO 19 WOULD INSIST ON ADDITIONAL EE REPRESENTATIVE; AND WESTERN EUROPEANS PREPARED TO ACCEPT EXPANSION TO 19. ALTHOUGH NOT FORMALLY RAISED, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HINTED AT INEQUITY OF ONE COUNTRY (READ US) HAVING TWO CANDIDATES ON THE LIST. ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEB. 21-25. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 438)

2. NAMIBIAN DEATH SENTENCES --

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRESIDENT CABLED APPEAL TO SYG TO SEND MESSAGE URGING COMMUTING OF DEATH SENTENCES OF NAMIBIANS DURING CURRENT APPEAL HEARINGS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 441)

3. CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP --

THE WORKING GROUP (WG) BEGAN DISCUSSION FEB. 15 OF THE SECRETARIAT'S ANALYTICAL STUDY. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO CHAIRMAN BROMS' (FINLAND) SUGGESTION THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE STUDY BE DEALT WITH IN THREE SECTIONS SEPARATELY, I.E., PARAS 43-48 RELATING TO COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, 50-58 RELATING TO UN PEACEKEEPING ROLE, AND 59 TO THE END RELATING TO DIVISION OF POWERS BETWEEN GA AND SC. THE SOVIETS LED OFF GENERAL DISCUSSION AND REAFFIRMED WELL-KNOWN POSITION THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE SC AS CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER. YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA, PHILIPPINES, IRAN AND ALGERIA ALL FAVORED MODIFICATION. SEVERAL OF THEM MENTIONED EXPANDING SC MEMBERSHIP AND LIMITING APPLICABILITY OF THE VETO POWER. POLAND AND GREECE BACKED EGYPT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE WG CONCENTRATE ON

ART. 25, STUDYING HOW WELL MEMBER STATES IMPLEMENT SC  
RESOLUTIONS. NIGERIA ARGUED THAT THE VETO OBSTRUCTS SC'S EFFEC-  
TIVENESS. DURING SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF PARA 43, MEXICO SUPPORTED  
EGYPT AND SAID WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ITEMS NOT  
REQUIRING CHARTER AMENDMENT THIS YEAR. MEXICO DID NOT WANT VETO  
ELIMINATED, BUT ONLY THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS VOLUNTARILY  
ABSTAIN FROM VETO ON ADMISSION QUESTIONS OR PROPOSALS CONCERNING  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. POLAND AND UK SPOKE IN FAVOR  
OF CURRENT SC STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 442)

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4. COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S) --

APPLICATION OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA) FOR CATEGORY II STATUS WAS TAKEN UP BY NGO COMMITTEE IN CLOSED MEETING. USDEL SUPPORTED THE APPLICATION, BUT CUBAN AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSED IT, AND EVEN UK AND FRANCE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO RESIST IT. ABA REPRESENTATIVE NEVAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ABA WAS DEFICIENT IN TERMS OF ITS NATIONAL STATUS AND ITS AFFILIATION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL NGO (INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION) ALREADY IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS, BUT HE ARGUED FOR EXCEPTIONAL APPROVAL ON GROUNDS OF ABA SUPPORT OF THE UN AND POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN ACTIVITIES. FINAL DECISION WAS TO DEFER CONSIDERATION.

DURING THE SESSION, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE, AIDED AND ABETTED BY CUBA AND PASSIVELY SUPPORTED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ENGAGED IN HEAVY-HANDED AND ARBITRARY OBSTRUCTION OF CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL NGO APPLICATIONS AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE MOVE QUICKLY TO CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM DEALING WITH REVIEW OF NGO'S CURRENTLY IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS. WHEN EFFORT BACKFIRED AND RESULTED IN GENERAL SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE RESORTED TO VETO OF VIRTUALLY EVERY APPLICATION. ONLY 23 (INCLUDING 10 OF 14 US-BASED ORGANIZATIONS) OF 44 APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED, WITH DECISION ON OTHERS DEFERRED TO AN AS YET UNDETERMINED DATE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 436, 437)

5. GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT --

THERE HAVE BEEN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE STATUS OF GEO-SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT, AND PEREK, CHIEF OF UN OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION, ASKED DOYLE, US REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE, FOR USDEL'S VIEWS ON INCLUDING IT ON SUBCOMMITTEE'S AGENDA. DOYLE QUESTIONED UTILITY OF EXAMINING THE ISSUE AT THIS EARLY STAGE IN THE EVOLUTION OF SPACE

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SYSTEM USES. ACCORDING TO SWEDES, GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT WAS SUBJECT OF INTENSE DEBATE AT CLOSING SESSIONS OF ITU CONFERENCE,

WITH UK, AUSTRALIA AND OTHERS SUPPORTING US VIEW AGAINST CLAIMS  
OF EQUATORIAL STATES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 434)

6. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

THE SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS A FRENCH WORKING  
PAPER ENTITLED "QUESTIONS RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH  
BY SATELLITES -- IDEAS CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF DATA," WHICH  
APPEARS TO RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM USDEL'S POINT OF VIEW.  
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THE UK REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE FEB. 15  
THAT IT TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF DETECTING AND MONITORING  
POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY MEANS OF REMOTE SENSING FROM  
SPACE. BY ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID HE MEANT THE SEA AND OTHER WATERS,  
LAND AND THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE. JAFFE, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-  
NATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION, PRESENTED IN RESPONSE TO THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST A SECOND DETAILED REPORT ON " THE STATE  
OF THE ART" IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS  
RELATING TO OUTER SPACE IN AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. HE ALSO  
SHOWED SLIDES ON VARIOUS USES OF SATELLITES REFERRED TO IN THE  
REPORT. SPEAKERS IN THE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WERE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SWEDEN, CANADA, SOVIET UNION,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, ROMANIA, UNESCO AND FAO. THE FRENCH  
REPRESENTATIVE DREW ATTENTION TO HIS DELEGATION'S PAPER ON  
DEFINITIONS OF THE TERM "DATA" IN RELATION TO DISSEMINATION OF  
REMOTE SENSING DATA. FEDOROV (SOVIET UNION) SPOKE, AMONG  
OTHER THINGS, OF STUDIES AND EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT JOINTLY  
WITH SPECIALISTS FROM THE US, AS WELL AS FRANCE, INDIA,  
SWEDEN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SAID THE SOVIET UNION WAS PREPARED  
TO EXPAND THEM.

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7. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY --

THE COMMITTEE, ACTING AS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, CONCLUDED ITS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION FEB. 14, AFTER APPROVING: (1) TIME-TABLE OF PREPARATIONS LEADING UP TO THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 1979; (2) SET OF GUIDELINES FOR USE BY GOVERNMENTS IN PREPARING NATIONAL PAPERS; AND (3) REPORT TO THE GA. THE PLACE OF THE CONFERENCE AND ITS PRECISE DATES HAVE YET TO BE SET. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS, BRAZIL WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL CALLING FOR A REINFORCEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

8. US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN --

USUN FEB. 15 TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,861,759.14, REPRESENTING AN INITIAL PARTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE US TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS CALENDAR YEAR 1977 BUDGET.

9. LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE --

UN CONFIRMED IN A CIRCULAR LETTER THAT THE SIXTH LOS SESSION  
WILL CONVEY IN NEW YORK MAY 23-JULY 8, WITH POSSIBLE EX-  
TENSION TO JULY 15. (USUN 443)

10. UN WATER CONFERENCE --

IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION'S  
REQUEST FOR AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE UN WATER CONFERENCE  
IN ARGENTINA IN MARCH, THE CONFERENCE SYG HAS EXTENDED  
AN INVITATION AND STATED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE  
COMMISSION WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE CONFERENCE  
DUE TO ITS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF TRANSBOUNDARY AND  
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